(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that the wage revision in the Oil Sector was not done since 1997;

(f) whether Government would consider wage revision in the Oil Sector; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A section of Officers of Central Public Sector Oil Companies had gone on strike from 7th to 9th January, 2009 in regard to certain issues of pay revision, such as risk pay, fitment benefits, quantum of DA to be considered for fitment benefits, periodicity of pay revision, annual/ stagnation increments, etc. Home Minister, in consultation with Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas; Minister, Department of Public Enterprises; Minister, Power and Minister of State, Finance is looking into the issue.

(e) to (g) Salarieis of Officers of Central Public Sector Enterprises were last revised (after considering the recommendations of the First Pay Revision Committee report) with effect from 01.01.1997. The Second Pay Revision (Justice Rao) Committee Report on pay revision of Board level executives, below Board level executives and non-unionised supervisors of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) following IDA pattern of pay scales was considered by Government and Guidelines for Implementation of Pay Revision *w.e.f.* 01,01.2007 were issued by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on 26.11.2008.

Installation of PBNS at airports

*38. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to install Performance Based Navigational System (PBNS) at major airports in the country to ease traffic congestion and to reduce risk of accidents in air;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted preliminary tests of the system and to what extent such system has been found satisfactory; and

(d) the plans of Government to install such systems at all the airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Performance Based Navigational (PBN) Procedures have been implemented in Mumbai, Delhi and Ahmedabad airports since August, 2008. As per operational feedback, application of the PBN procedures has been satisfactory. These procedures will be implemented at other operational airports in a phased manner.

Medical test of foreign pilots

†*39.SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Indian pilots are frustrated due to more importance being given to foreign pilots;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) whether it is also a fact that the appointment of pilots is not only made by ignoring the company rules but they are also posted at higher level in management;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the foreign pilots get job in India on the basis of medical certificates issued from USA, Dubai and some other countries of Middle East and are not subjected to the strict medical fitness test as their Indian counterparts; and

(d) the reasons for not conducting medical fitness test of foreign pilots in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Foreign pilots are not given more importance in comparison to Indian Pilots. Licenses of foreign pilots are validated as per the extant Civil Aviation Requirements to overcome the shortage of type rated pilots in India.

(b) DGCA only validates the licenses of the foreign pilots. The terms of appointment are internal matters of the airlines in which Government do not intervene.

(c) Foreign pilots are required to have current Class-I Medical Proficiency checks and Instrument Rating from the Contracting State in which the license is issued.

(d) Foreign pilots are already required to have current Class-I Medical or a certificate from the medical examiner authorized from the Contracting State who had issued license before their licences are validated by DGCA.

Decline of foreign tourists in India

*40. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to recent terrorist attacks in several parts of the country, the flow of foreign tourists has come down considerably;

(b) if so, whether most of the countries have advised their citizens not to visit India in view of terrorist attacks;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by Government to create confidence amongst foreign tourists to visit India?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been a decline in foreign tourist arrivals to the country in the months of December 2008 and January 2009, as detailed below:

Month	Foreign Tourist Arrivals	Percentage change as compared to corresponding month of previous year
December 2008	521990*	-12.5%
January 2009	487262*	-17.6%

* Pro visional Estimates

(b) and (c) Travel Advisories had been issued by some countries as a precautionary note to its citizens.

(d) The Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps to create confidence amongst foreign tourists visiting India. Security updates for foreign tourists have been put up on the website of the